# Maiden Bradley

#### **Parish News**

#### No 317 November 2015



Sue Priestner - 40 years organ playing in All Saint's Church Congratulations and many thanks to her!

#### **Diary November 2015**

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1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	All Saints' Patronal Festival Service - Church	n 10.30 am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
		Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
		Budget Stretch & Recharge – Memorial Hall	7-8.00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Remembrance Service – Church	10.30 am
9th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Remembrance Day Service – Memorial Hall	10.40 am
		Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
		Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Book Group Meeting – 69 High Street	8.00 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Race Night – Memorial Hall	doors open 7.00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.00 am
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Waste Bin Collection	7.00 am
		Defibrillator Training – Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	P.C.C. Meeting – Condlyffe Cottage	7.00 pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Budget Stretch & Recharge – Memorial Hall	7-8.00 pm
		Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Welcome Club Christmas Quiz Horningsham	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Copy Day for articles for DECEMBER New	'S
		to pat@visa-office.com	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Quiz Night – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
24 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	W.I.Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.00 am
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
		Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Christmas Fayre- Memorial Hall	6.00-8.00 pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Advent Sunday Service – Church	10.00 am
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Welcome Club Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm

#### Mass times in Warminster and Mere:

St.George's, Warminster	Saturday 6 pm (Vigil); Sunday 8 am 10 am				
St. Mary's, Mere	Friday 10 am; Saturday 5.30 pm				
Dr Harding's Surgery	every Monday at the Memorial Hall except Bank Holidays 5-6 pm.				
Due to pressure of work the S	Surgery at Silton, Bourton, is unable to accept repeat orders for medi-				
cation by telephone. Please bring your orders to Memorial Hall Surgery the week before they are					
due so that the Doctor can collect them.					
Dustbin Day	every Monday				
	for Bank Holiday changes see Wiltshire Council web site				
Mother & Toddlers	every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon.				
Useful telephone Nos:					
The Village Shop: 844206; The Post Office: 845040; The Pub: 844207;					
<b>Memorial Hall bookings</b> – Mel Thomas 845111 ;					
Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk					
Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096;					
Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859;					
Maiden Bradley Parish News:					
contributions are welcome in any format.					
E-Mail: pat@visa-office.com					

#### From the Editor:

Forty years is a long time. Sue Priestner will testify to that! Sue has been playing the organ in All Saint's Church, here in Maiden Bradley for that length of time. Meg has written a tribute to Sue in this month's News and on behalf of the News Team, we send our thanks to Sue for her devotion to service within the village.

We have two new members of the News Team, Elaine and Hannah, who are jointly taking on the technical role for the layout of copy and we welcome them both and hope they enjoy their time with us. Our thanks go to Mark Lucas-Philips for taking up the tech role when Bryan Glastonbury relinquished it after many years with the News and Les and Kay Mayne moved away just over a year ago. Mark has kept his work on the magazine going despite being excessively busy during this period, at work, home and his other charitable and voluntary activities.

Our charity this month is The Bobby Trust Van. This charity funds a little van that is able to attend parishioner's houses after a break in and action new locks and safety advice for those in need. A parishioner in the past has been helped by this charity who have a website, should you be interested. http://wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/

Margaret Biset, Maiden of Bradley 1158 to 1242 most ably written by Celia Blay of Maiden Bradley, is currently on sale in the Village Shop for £2.50. It is a most interesting read and realistically illustrated. Celia has engaged the services of The Dean Press, also of Maiden Bradley, to do the reproduction. There is a limited supply of copies, so be sure to buy yours as soon as possible!

Do you have time on your hands? Then you are needed at the Memorial Village Hall! Three voluntary positions are available – see inside....

#### Pat Kennedy – 845397 pat@visa-office.com

#### News from the Vicarage

I walked our dog recently up by the Compton Abbas Airfield and was amazed and delighted to find some poppies out in a hedgerow. Apparently because of the warm autumn weather there are a number of places where poppies are out still – maybe they'll last until Armistice Day this year? Remembrance events in Maiden Bradley will be particularly special this year as we will have a service in the church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November as usual but there will also be a ceremony at the new war memorial by the Village Hall on Armistice Day 11<sup>th</sup> November gathering from 10.40.

Children from Whitesheet School will be coming too and will sing a song for the occasion which they are practicing. Mrs Hooker, the headteacher, says that it is important for the children to know and experience these occasions, as well as learning to sing the national anthem! Both events are open to everyone.

Remembrance services will be held up and down the country and bring a point of contemplation and cohesion to our busy and varied lives. It is so important that we continue to honour those who have died for our country and those whose lives have been irreparably altered.

#### With warm regards - Rev Carol Wilson-Barker

#### Cover Story - Sue Priestner's 40 years as All Saints' Organist

There are many parishes these days where one of the biggest difficulties in keeping services as they would want them is finding an organist. How very lucky we have been to be blessed with one as talented and versatile as Sue!

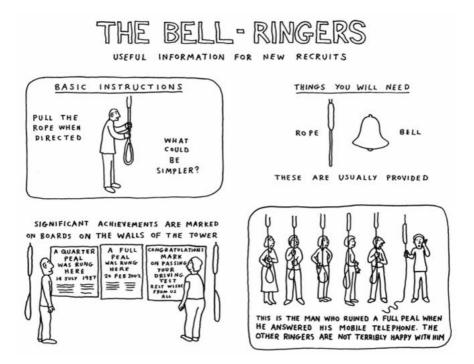
Nothing daunts her, last minute requests are never a problem. Those who have been married at All Saints' will know how much her playing adds to their special day! So we should like to offer her our very grateful thanks and congratulations for the massively important role she has played for the last 40 years in the life of our church.

Meg Oliver 844317

#### News from the bell tower

Mere bell ringers will be ringing a full peal lasting approximately three hours, on Tuesday 17th November 2015, starting at 9.30am in memory of Henry Crabbe There will be no bell ringing practice that evening.

It is never too late to learn to ring the bells! Just turn up at the church at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening and you will be coached by professional campanologists with over 50 years' experience. It is fun and sociable, keeps you fit, keeps chicken wings at bay and creates great abs!!



#### Parish Council 13th October 2015

There will be at the start of the next Parish Council meeting a presentation from Mr Cliff Leach Chairman of Salisbury REMAP they are an organisation that Panel Custom make equipment for disabled people. He will be very pleased to see parishioners attend.

**Planning** - 15/09252/TCA Proposal: Lawson Cypress Tree Fell Location: The Old School Yard High Street Maiden Bradley BA12 7JG Resolved: Supported

**Recreational Area Update** - a new lease to be actioned for the recreational area. The Trustees of the original Swimming Pool have wound up the Trust and the land has reverted back to the estate, the estate have offered the land to be included into the parish councils remit. The play area is to have a new side of railings as the wooden fencing is no longer fit for purpose; the gate is also to have a new spring fitted and the Frome Town Robins Football Team, are also to start playing regular matches on the football pitch and will be relining the area in the new few days.

If any Parishioner sees or is aware of anything which they feel needs attention in and around the parish highways, they are requested to contact Wiltshire Council using either the online website, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number 0300 456 0105.

**Items for the next Agenda** – Capital Expenditure, Grant Budget and Reserves Budget, Clerks Standing Order payment reviewed and approved, Clerks Salary reviewed pre budget and Internet Banking.

**Date of the next meeting-** The Council agreed that Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 will be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. As always, the Parish Council meeting will be open at the start with an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments on any matter. The website Southwilts.com (Maiden Bradley) can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Community Notice Board at the village shop. Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email: maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or phone: 01985 213436 Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

#### Village Voluntary Situations Vacant

#### Village Memorial Hall

Two Trustees and a Committee Secretary

Contact Mel: 845111



### MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE SHOP

#### **Retail Ramblings**

Ne'er cast a clout, till May is out...

Having finally been able to cast our clouts rather later than May this year, it's now definitively time to rummage around in the clout drawer and put them back on again. Or alternatively you can simply turn up the heating, light the fire, and bank up with some coal. We now have a small supply of coal available, along with our usual nets of firewood and kindling.

So, game on! It's time to enjoy all the seasonal foods that herald the autumn mists. The first oven ready pheasants arrived this morning, with venison faggots and some exquisitely lean venison steaks in close pursuit. Roasted, casseroled, sautéed or fried and accompanied by the earthy tones of fresh beetroot and roasted squash... Fabulous. If you're tempted by the prospect then ask us to order in especially, or take your chances on a Friday when they come in.

We have the first of our raffles running at the moment, a signed copy of Mary Berry's new book, with a £15 voucher to spend on ingredients in the shop. Tickets are 50p each, or 5 for £2.00, a mere trifle for such a great prize, generously donated by Derek James from Chefs On Stage. We have several other marvelous prizes gathering for our big Christmas raffle, so you can limber up for the Big One by having a go at this one ?! The shop will also be running a stall at the Christmas Bazaar, so keep an eye out for us amongst the stars and tinsel too. You never know what you might find.

Meanwhile we have Halloween and Bonfire Night to look forward to, and there are some beautiful small and exotic squashes in stock now. So you can cut them up, carve some curly bits, and then roast them with meat, or make some wonderfully warming soup. A sort of squashy recycling, if you like.

Waitrose have Halloween, Bonfire Night, and Christmas all lined up along one aisle, so it's definitely happening...





Amanda PS... For 'clout' read 'vest'. Obviously.



www.maidenbradleyvillageshop.org.uk

#### Village Shop Easy Fundraising Update

A huge thank-you to all the people who have adopted this easy way to make additional funds for the shop.

So far, 32 people have signed up to the scheme and £234 has been raised by simply online shopping. With Christmas fast approaching and many more of you making purchases on your computers, tablets and phones, please sign up so that we can have a really bumper end to the year.

For details of how to register, follow the easyfundraising link (bottom of page) from the shop website: **maidenbradleyvillageshop.org.uk** 

Or give Nigel a ring / send him an e-mail and he will get you started.

#### Email: mbshopfundraising@gmail.co.uk Phone: 844637

#### Odd Wednesdays!

A small group of us have been meeting to share half remembered yoga poses and a little relaxation/meditation. There is no formal instruction, just a friendly space to stretch out those stiff muscles. Join us on first and third (and fifth when they occur) Wednesdays of the month in the Village Hall, 7-8pm. £2 donation to the hall.

#### Jules Horn





#### Hello Maiden Bradley people – Matthew here!

I've been in the village for a year now so I thought it was about time I had a chat with you all. I know some of you have met me and my Folks (Nigel and Elaine) and I'm sure I'll meet a few more of you as time goes on – although I am a bit shy with new people so don't think I'm ignoring you!

I'm having a lovely time in my new home . I was a bit worried about moving because I hadn't lived with my Folks for very long and they did tell me it was a forever home for me so I was a bit confused. However when I met some of the dogs that lived in this house before me I knew I would be happy here. The garden is great for running round in, I love watching the partridges that trespass in it (we didn't get those in Frome!) but most of all, I love the pub.

I hadn't been to many pubs before I lived here and didn't really know what they were. Now I understand why so many humans spend so much time in them. I have met loads of new friends there – some of them are very similar to me - and as long as I promise to behave, the Nice People in Charge let me have a good wander round the bar to chat to everyone and give me dog treats out of the pub's dog treat bowl. I'm not allowed in the other room because humans need some private space, apparently.

I always try to go to the pub every time I am passing by as I understand how important it is to support the local (as my Folks call it). But I am often very disappointed to find that it isn't open – surely 8.30am is a good time for a dog pint and a treat?



Bye for now – WOOF!!!

#### Village Charity skydive couple



Husband and wife daredevil duo Mark & Wendy Lucas-Phillips would like to thank everyone who donated to their charity skydive which took place in the skies above Old Sarum, Salisbury, on a foggy morning in September to raise money for 3 charities as part of local dessert manufacturer; Marston Foods, fundraising drive for 2015. Mark works at the local company whose employee's have raised over £4500 for the charities which will be matched by Marston Foods, giving a total so far of £9,000 towards; Positive Action on Cancer a free counselling service in Frome for people affected by cancer, Mama Upendo, another Frome charity that supports orphanages in Africa and finally Crohns and Colitis UK.

We arrived at the drop zone in Salisbury around 8am with good weather forecast but low lying fog delaying departure for a few nerve fuelled hours. Our tandem operators at Go Skydive were superb and once the sun started to burn through we were soon through induction, training and

then kitted up in our skydive suit and harness. Things seemed to move very quickly as

we were ushered into the plane and as the first wave of jumpers bailed out at 10,000ft our heartbeats increased as we watched them leave the open door. Our turn was soon to come and within a few more minutes we were at our chosen jump altitude of 15,000ft, the maximum UK tandem altitude giving 60 seconds of freefall!

Mark exited the plane first, followed closely by Wendy. The rush of adrenaline was incredible, with little chance to gasp the early breaths after leaving the plane but once into the freefall position the view changed everything, the air rushing past us as we fell at 130mph felt supportive and strangely not like falling at all. We had time to catch our breath and enjoy a vista of the earth and an experience of being like no other. The air rushing past us was noisy and exhilarating beyond words. 60 seconds passes quicker than you would like in such a heavenly perspective.... at 5,000 ft a tap on the shoulder from the instructor told us the chute was about to be deployed. We had just fell 2 miles in a minute!





Once a little buffeting was over and the chute had opened the experience changed from a mad rush to serenity and relief! We were both able to take control of the chute and enjoy some turns and spins under the canopy which was superb fun. Wendy had the added bonus of steering through a circular rainbow in a cloud into a black dot which appeared to get bigger and bigger as she approached, only to realise it was the shadow on the cloud of the instructor and herself, the experience of flying through a rainbow and eating cloud candyfloss was just incredible! Needless to say we landed safely and softly which much shared elation.

Once again many thanks for everyone who has kindly donated. If you would like to add a few pennies to the pot you can still donate at: www.virginmoneygiving.com and search for Mark Lucas-Phillips or Marston Foods.



#### November Recipe – Macaroons



These little macaroons make a delightful Christmas gift and if you wish, you can substitute the cornflour for cocoa and make chocolate ones! This quantity makes approximately 30 macaroons.

2 oz ground almonds
2 oz caster sugar
1 tablespoon cornflour
½ teaspoon almond essence
1 whisked egg white
15 flaked almonds
4 quartered glace cherries
lcing sugar or cocoa powder to dust

Pre-heat the oven to 160 C/325 F, gas 3 Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper Place the ground almonds, sugar, cornflour and almond essence into a bowl and mix together Stir in the whisked egg white enough to make a soft piping consistency Using a ½ inch nozzle, fill a piping bag and pipe small rounds of mixture onto the paper, topping each one with either a cherry or almond Bake in the oven for 10 to 15 minutes – cool on a wire tray then dust with either the icing sugar or cocoa.

#### Whitesheet Primary raises almost £200 as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning at Whitesheet Primary in Zeals was a huge success raising over £195. "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is a wonderful initiative by MacMillan," said Headteacher Karen Brooker, "and the children and staff saw this as their opportunity to do something towards this very worthwhile charity."

The Coffee Morning was preceded by a Food Technology week at the school and the children enjoyed baking cakes for sale at the Coffee Morning. The parents also spent time in the school baking. "We were amazed at the number and range of cakes that were brought in to school," said Mrs Brooker. "The school hall was packed with families and friends. Not only did they enjoy eating the excellent cakes and drinking good coffee but they were entertained by the school choir led by Fiona Gunstone (a year 5 pupil) who accompanied them on the piano".

"We are so very proud that a small village school can raise such an amount," said Mrs Brooker. "MacMillan Cancer Support tells us that one in three of us will face cancer, and the money we raised at our Coffee Morning will help to make sure no one has to face it alone."



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning was organised by MacMillan Cancer Support and took place throughout the country on September 25<sup>th</sup>. A special Coffee Morning Kit was supplied to all participants – and the children, parents and staff at Whitesheet put theirs to very good use. The theme of the event was 'Having a Coffee Morning is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa, enjoy some gorgeous treats and help Macmillan be there for people facing cancer.'

The funds raised could pay for a Macmillan nurse to spend an hour with someone who has just been told they have cancer; could pay for a Macmillan benefits adviser to spend half a day with someone who is struggling to make ends meet when it comes to the costs that cancer can bring or could keep a Macmillan support centre running for an extra hour.

Well done Whitesheet Primary for playing your part!

#### Welcome Club

Our September trip took us to Weymouth, however, for a change, our driver drove to Dorchester for Coffee. We went to the museum on the High Street and had a most enjoyable time in that lovely place.



In Weymouth we had about two and a half hours to find lunch and then we went to Portland Bill for tea. Seems like we eat all day long! At Portland it was very windy which created an enormous sea swell which was quite a sight. We



held the raffle on the coach at Portland and then went home after yet another happy day.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> we went on our final trip of the year and this time our destination was the Wye Valley. Coffee stop at a gorgeous garden centre in Chepstow and then we travelled through country lanes with mountain views in the distance and passed trees in their beautiful autumn colours. We spent some time in Monmouth where most of us managed to trace the local Wetherspoon establishment. They are almost everywhere now! To finish the day we drove alongside the Wye to Tintern, sampled the enormous tea cakes supplied there and then went home.

Quiz, with prizes, on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Horningsham Hall and on 30<sup>th</sup> November we are having our annual Bingo Evening in Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall at 7.30pm for 8pm. Tom will be in the chair and there will be lots of prizes.

Our Christmas Tea is on 3<sup>rd</sup> December and we'll have a general chat about ideas for next year then tea will follow.

#### Chris Short 847373



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